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Hello -

I would just like to say that I disagree the proposed settlement.

I'm annoyed that part of the settlement is that Microsoft will be giving away millions of dollars of software to educational institutioins. This is fine, but Microsoft is deciding how much it is worth, not the DOJ. Also, this is furthering the monopoly, the exact thing Microsoft was convicted of. This is like punishing a car thief by sending her out to steal more cars. This fixes nothing, and actually causes more damage.

I am also very nervous about words in the settlement which say that Microsoft is essentially allowed to discriminate against Open Source projects, vis a vis publishing of APIs.

The whole settlement document is written in such a way that there is absolutely no curtailing of Microsoft's monopolistic practices, and, frankly, it looks to me that this document actually **rewards** Microsoft instead of punishing it.

Sincerely,
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